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TO: Medicare-Medicaid Plans and Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) Plans

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SUBJECT: Revised Contract Year 2022 Member Material Model Updates for Medicare-Medicaid Plans (MMPs) and Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) Plans

On July 23, 2021, CMS issued a memorandum through the Health Plan Management System (HPMS) entitled “Model Notice Corrections and Updates,” which announced corrections to Contract Year (CY) 2022 model templates previously issued on May 28, 2021. The purpose of this memorandum is to identify specific changes applicable to CY 2022 Medicare-Medicaid Plan (MMP) and Minnesota Senior Health Options (MSHO) Plan model materials.

MMCO will not issue revised CY 2022 state-specific model materials for changes included in this memorandum. MMCO will not provide information about updates to MMP and MSHO Plan materials that are based on Medicare Advantage or Part D model materials.

We instruct MMPs and MSHO Plans to update their CY 2022 model materials based on the information provided in this memorandum.

Below is a brief summary of each issue, a description of where the issue appears in the applicable model material, and the necessary update.

1. Annual Notice of Changes (ANOC)

a. Clarifying instructions when plans do not include all sections

- **Summary of issue:** There are no instructions about updating the Table of Contents if plans do not include all sections.
- **Issue location:** Plan instruction that appears before the Table of Contents

- **Action required: All MMPs and MSHO Plans** add the following as the first sentence in the plan instruction:

[Any plan that does not include a particular section (e.g., Section C, Section F) deletes the section, orders all remaining sections and subsections sequentially, and updates the Table of Contents accordingly.]

b. Clarifying instructions for administrative changes

- **Summary of issue:** Previously, the section for administrative changes was optional.
- **Issue location:** Section F, Administrative changes
- **Action required: All MMPs and MSHO Plans** update language in the plan instruction at the beginning of the section as follows:

[Insert this section if applicable. Any plan with administrative changes that impact members (e.g., change in contract or PBP number) inserts this section, includes an introductory sentence that explains the general nature of administrative changes, and describes the specific changes in the table below.]

2. Evidence of Coverage (EOC)/Member (or Participant) Handbook

a. Adding information about COVID-19 vaccines

- **Summary of issue:** Chapter 4 currently does not specifically include COVID-19 vaccines.
 - **Issue location:** Chapter 4, Benefits Chart
 - **Action required: All MMPs and MSHO Plans** insert the following bullet and text in the Immunizations section of the Benefits Chart in Chapter 4 between the bullets for “Hepatitis B vaccine” and “Other vaccines”:
- COVID-19 vaccine

We will post this memorandum to MMCO’s Information and Guidance for Plans webpage at www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-and-Medicaid-Coordination/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination-Office/FinancialAlignmentInitiative/MMPInformationandGuidance/MMPMarketingInformationandResources.

If you have any questions about the contents of this memorandum, please contact the Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office at MMCOCapsModel@cms.hhs.gov.